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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1724**

S/N 09/871,156

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	BENSON et al.	Examiner:	JASON M. GREENE
Serial No.:	09/871,156	Group Art Unit:	1724
Filed:	05/31/2001	Docket No.:	758.1226US01
Confirmation No.	7441		
Title:	FILTER STRUCTURE WITH TWO OR MORE LAYERS OF FINE FIBER HAVING EXTENDED USEFUL SERVICE LIFE		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MAIL STOP: AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.